

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes, the broadcast flag will certainly interfere with my personal use rights of TV transmissions. This is specifically what it's designed to do.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Yes, the broadcast flag attempts to prohibit the exchange of personally recorded material, and in most cases it will prevent the exchange of material \_created\_ by me, since I can not recorde material that is properly encoded to be viewable on other equipment.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes. I have just invested several thousand dollars in new equipment to view and receive HDTV. The proposed broadcast flag will make this equipment obsolete.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes, it will interfere with the development of new and innovative equipmnet.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

I personally have \$4000 worth of equipment that would be directly made obsolete, and nearly as much that would become much less function since they will not interact as they are designed to do.

Other Comments:

I beleive the broadcast flag will directly and irreparibly harm me and the public in general. This is an unacceptable change in the method of TV broadcast. The FCC needs to retain the maintain the policy that TV and cable broadcast must be unencrypted and freely recordable.